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DO THEY TELL LIES?

Imra and Bettina on the Witness-
Stand To-Day.

Their Stories Vary from Their Ellis Island Affidavits.

**Alleged Italian Procurers on Trial
in the United States Court.**

The sensational testimony of Bettina

Giordano, who swore that her companion, Irma Antonina, had accused Capt. Michael Di Simoni, an Ellis Island inspector, of criminally assaulting her, as printed exclusively yesterday in yesterday's EVENING WORLD Sporting Extra, drew a large audience to the United States district court today.

Both girls named are young and pretty. Antonina and she are both natives of Italy and are held as witnesses against Francesco and Concettina Pagliano, who are on trial before Judge Benedetto on the charges of abducting Bettina, Irma and several other Italian girls to this country for immoral purposes.

The people's case was presented by Assistant District Attorney Mott, and the defendants were represented by Lawyers Daniel O'Connell and Frank E. Hipple.

The Gerry society is taking an active part in the case, and President Elbridge T. Gerry and Arthur Schuchelt were both present in court.

Thomas Callaghan, a police officer, was the first witness called this morning.

He testified that he saw a disorderly woman sail to leave her boat by the defendant.

Police Sergt. William W. Sullivan, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct, produced the 1890 blotter, showing that the night of March 11 of that year the house at 331 East One Hundred

Patrolman George Nicolay, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct, testified to having seen disreputable Italian women going in and out of the saloon at 331 East One Hundred and Fifteenth street, in the quarter known as "Little Italy."

of Bettina Giordano made at Ellis island.

Capt. Michael Di Simoni, the inspector accused in Bettina's testimony yesterday also identified the affidavit which Mr. Moss offered in evidence.

Mr. O'Connell objected to its admission on the grounds, among others, that she was

The affidavit was admitted. It says that Bestina, who is twenty-two, arrived at Ellis Island Dec. 9, on the Steamship Glava, from

that she had led an immoral life for one and a half years previously; that she came to this country for the same purpose, and that

William C. Cherry, Commissioner Shields' stenographer, read Bettina's testimony at the examination Dec. 13, which was similar to that in the affidavit. Yesterday Bettina gave Mr. Mott a severe snock by denying that she came to this country for any other purpose.

The next witness was Irma Antonini, who Bettina Giordano says, told her that she had been sexually assaulted by Frank Fitzsimon.

girl, in spite of the poor clothes she wears. Her complexion is a dark olive, and her jet black hair fell over her equally jet black and sparkling eyes in a reckless way that was captivating, and her soft silvery voice added to her charms.

two, but she looks not over seventeen. She said she was born in the province of Jacobi and lived in Cosenza, where she was a servant. She denied living with Clementina there, but said that she knew her.

When her memory did not fail her she was coy and artful and said that she "thought she did remember testifying to something of

It is almost needless to add that before Commissioner Shields Irma gave testimony to the effect that she was an Iraqi as she was fair, and that she was brought to this country by Clementina for purposes that were unconstitutionally mercenary.

which clearly showed that pretty Irma had libeled either then or now, and her affidavit taken at Ellis Island, which was put in evidence, further contradicted her testimony to day.

At 1 o'clock the Court took an intermission of forty-five minutes.

BRISTOW'S WRIT DISMISSED.
Justice Ingraham Thinks the Case
One for the Grand Jury.

The Justice says that he thinks the case is one for the Grand Jury.

Bids for the Pavements.
Bids for taking up and relaying pavement on the following streets were opened by Commissioner Gilroy this noon: Pearl, Seventh, Tenth, Twentieth, Twenty-second, Thirty

Burglar Drops a \$500 Bundle.
ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 29.—At an early hour

called to a man who was making away with a large bundle. The man dropped the bundle and ran. It contained property worth \$5000 stolen from Charles F. Watson's Summer residence.